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#### A Better Plan Than Borah's.

It having been disclosed that no useful purpose would be served by having the Senate "authorize and renational economic conference. Senator Borah has withdrawn his proposal for such action, thereby displaying good sense and good statesmanship of a the wisdom of the effort which the driven out beyond a radius of several ldaho senator made, no one now can question the sincerity of his purpose. and he is stronger rather than weaker in the esteem of the people because he has the courage to place public welfare above pride of opinion.

With conduct of our international intercourse rescued from partisan bia. This would be a happy outcome maneuverings in the Senate and re- of a long-maintained difference bestored to its proper place in the hands tween the two jurisdictions. The moof the President and his constituted advisers, there is reason to hope that pelled for years to take out Maryland the delicate negotiations which have been under way may be carried to an torists have been obliged to take out early and successful conclusion. That District licenses, for the respective these negotiations have back of them privileges of the use of the streets the law, and the new man was made on?" sympathetic and informed understanding of the obligations which America owes to Europe and of the direct material benefits which are to be derived from discharge of them was disclosed yesterday in authoritative statements here and in an address delivered by Secretary Hughes at New Haven.

pay without destroying German pro- ure. ductivity. The interested governments would be free to accept or reject these purpose would be served of taking the is good reason to believe, for instance, much more reasonable in the matter of reparations were it not for the imaroused in the French people, and upkeep. which no government dare disregard. But with the amount Germany car pay fixed by an impartial commission upon which France was represented. it is likely the government could accept those figures as a basis for settlements and still survive the storm growing out of French disappoint-

American representation on such a country in the political entanglements of Europe, because the commission would not be a political one, and yet help in solving the most difficult of all of Europe's problems, and the one save through the procurement of upon solution of which all other problems must wait. When the allied premiers meet in Paris next Tuesday the atmosphere ought to be a more hopeful one because of knowledge that this agency is at held and ready for use. Its evolvement has shoved an impend ing crisis into the indefinite future, even if it has not yet wholly removed the peril of one.

Automobile reciprocity between Maryland and the District of Columbia is favored by motorists who feel that the time has arrived to consider emberrassments instead of methods of increasing them.

Mohammed VI would feel even greater reluctance about returning to Constantinople if Turkey were suf ficiently modernized to permit the en

# tire harem to file suits for desertion.

New York's Bridge Problem. New York has reached a point in its traffic problem where it faces a veritable dilemma. The movement between Manhattan and Brooklyn has grown to such a volume that even with four bridges spanning the East' river there is a lack of safe and convenient room on them for the daily travel. With all the tubes and bridges in use, a fifth bridge, it is now believed, is neceseary, particularly as doubt is felt regarding the stability of the old Brooklyn bridge. Tentative plans for this garded in certain parts of the United fifth bridge have been prepared in States, particularly on the Pacific volving a cost in the aggregate of coast, where the half-dime is the \$42,000,000. But against the plan of a smallest unit of value. This distaste new bridge it is urged that tunnels would be more effective and less expensive in the long run, and so a dis- region where ever since the early days cussion is now in progress on this point, with the prospect that it will ranged higher than in the east. Euro-

be protracted for several years. its approaches and with the incidental the smaller coins, have, indeed, cherstreet changes would take out of use | ished them as valuable and held stricta large area of land now available for ly to them in all business transactions. business. The lands involved in this True, the farthing of British coinage new bridge project are at present as- has practically passed out of use, but marked Si Simlin. sessed at nearly \$15,000,000 and, it is the centime of France and the pfennig urged, would probably cost the city of Germany and the copeck of Russie more than \$20,000,000. In this connec- have remained in circulation. tion it is pointed out that the approach lands for the old Brooklyn bridge cost | nig is to be discarded. German marks over \$7,000,000 and are now worth have fallen to such a low rating of very much more. Naturally all of this value that the pfennig, the hundredth land is withdrawn from taxation and part of the mark, and therefore in biggest causes of unemployment."

from use. Hence, it is argued that a pre-war days worth less than 1/4 cent, THE EVENING STAR, bridge is calculated to cause conges- has been reduced to an infinitesima bridge added to the great city's equip- gether. The latest exchange quotation designed to correct

ever. New York must have more come what we in this country call means of access to the east, or communication with the Long Island ter- sion for a smaller fraction.

any bridges, although frequently plans | take a truckload to buy a shoe lace. Daily and Sunday. 1 yr., \$10.00; 1 mo., \$5c of the North river. The cost of such declension of the penny in the west Daily only...... 1 yr., \$7.00; 1 mo., 60c sunday only...... 1 yr., \$3.00; 1 mo., 25c a structure, however, has heretofore may find, some comfort in this news been greatly facilitated.

difficulty decade by decade, tend to juniors of the mints. make New York develop steadily as a strictly business center with habitations on the outskirts beyond the water or far up on the island. It is conquest" the President to call an interin this present century when the territory that was once regarded as the ideal site for a city will be one vast shop with transportation lines of every high order. Regardless of belief as to kind crowding business, and residents

#### Motor Reciprocity.

A movement is reported to be unde way for the establishment, by agreement, of motor reciprocity between Maryland and the District of Columtorists of the District have been comlicenses, and similarly Maryland mobetween the states of the Union motor reciprocity has prevailed and the licenses issued in one state are recognized in others.

There is a mutual advantage in a reciprocal arrangement such as is now | that tribunal. being sought by negotiation. The Dis The substance of the Harding- trict motorists at present use the Hughes position is that this govern- Maryland roads freely, being, indeed, loccupied with public business. Men of ment cannot offer to arbitrate the almost compelled to cross the boun- his caliber and training are invaluable reparations dispute, for the sufficient dary, while the Maryland motorists reason that it has not been asked to find the District's highway frequently do so, but the President and his Secre- of use to them. It is difficult to detertary of State will feel at liberty, at the mine on which side the weight of adproper time, to propose that an inter- vantage lies. A great many Marynational commission of experts, freed landers come into Washington daily from all political hampering, be ap- for the transaction of business, while pointed to study the problem and re- many Washingtonians cross over into and planets in their customary port on the sums which Germany can | Maryland for both business and pleas-

Washington has contributed a large sum in the aggregate, in the form of findings as conclusive, but the great motor license fees, to the cost of confixation of reparations out of the land roads. Similarly Maryland motorrealm of politics and placing it on a ists have paid large sums into the Dis hasis of economic possibilities. There trict treasury in fees. The difference has been that the money paid in that the French government would be Maryland has gone into road funds, while those paid in Washington have gone into general funds, only a part possible expectations which have been of which has been applied to street

Recently a proposition was advanced in Congress to bring about reciprocity between the two jurisdictions. It would be better, however, if the arrangement were effected through agreement, provided it should be put upon a permanent basis. No plan will suffice that is subject to interruption and change.

Washington has become a motor commission would not involve this objective for many thousands of tourists awheel, who, coming from the north, are compelled to pass through Maryland. They find their way cleared it would open the way for practical for them into the capital, only to discover that the people of this city are. licenses, barred from Maryland. This discloses a situation that cannot be understood by visitors, who have toured without hindrance through many states. The maintenance of firebug. conflict between the two furisdictions reates an unfavorable impression that should be prevented by the establishment of such relations as those that exist generally through the coun-

At least the Turks have demon strated that they can attend a conference without being seized with irremeans of avoiding complications and sistible impulses to set fire to something.

> In the Senate Mr. Borah is confronted with irreconcilability from some

new angles. Oil often asserts itself as on in flammable ingredient in international

controversies. The dove of peace continues to be a restless bird that flits from confer-

ence to conference.

A report that Uncle Joe Cannon has ouit smoking makes this New Year a new leaf record-breaker.

### The Pfennig Passes.

Although a legally recognized coin, the American cent, or penny, is disrefor anything less than 5 cents is due largely to the differing standards in a of pioneer settlement prices have pean nations, however, have never. It is pointed out that a bridge with until very lately, been neglectful of

Now a change has come. The pfen

tion through decreasing the space left unit, and the Berlin bankers have refor business. In other words, every solved hereafter to ignore it also ment reduces the space available on on marks was 1.55 cents. Therethe rigidly restricted Manhattan Is- fore a pfennig would, be equivalent land, and thus in a way tends to in- to roughly one and a half hundredths crease the very congestion that it is of a cent. It takes entirely too many of them to attain to appreciable value, Whether by bridge or tunnel, how- and inasmuch as the mark has be-

ritory which is now strictly urban for! Nothing has been heard of copecks a long distance beyond the East river. for a long time. Doubtless they went The city spread in that direction is cut soon after the depreciation of the rapid and is certain to continue, as ruble began. The copeck is the one most New Yorkers prefer to live with- hundredth part of the ruble, and so in the state of their business occupa- low has fallen that coin in international exchange that it is almost im-On the west New York is without possible to express its value. It would

have been advanced for the spanning. So those Americans who resent the prevented execution. Tubes have from Berlin that the pfennig has gone meanwhile been driven under the out of circulation. Whatever the river, and communication between nickel-minimum folks out west may New York city and New Jersey has think of the humble little brown coin, it is a sturdy bit of cash compared All these conditions, increasing in with the German and the Russian

William R. Day. Ohio is a great state, and produces interesting and useful men. There is available, 923 pairs of tags had been nothing original in the observation. supplied to government-owned cars. It has been made many times, and as often supported by the record.

The latest authority for the declaration is found in the correspondence, just published, occasioned by the repreme bench. The tribute paid him by his co-workers of that tribunal was warm, but well deserved. "Well done" on a "good and faithful servant."

The country owed its introduction to William R. Day and he to it to William McKinley, who as an old friend knew his worth and accomplishments. and needing a man of his quality for an important public station called him to it. The appointee's work soon justi- got to furnish them " fled the appointment.

Appropriately enough, the field of ed. service was changed from politics to official cars we can get our hands great, though undisclosed, enjoyment and roads of the two areas, though a member of the Supreme Court, His tastes as well as his talents pointed in that direction, and once robed for the War Department, were diverted work he had nearly a quarter century to the arms conference. They were of great moment were presented to

Fortunately for the country, Judge Day is still in kelter, and will still be at this time.

The common intelligence has the

structing and maintaining the Mary, to give a few slightly shopworn films

ing reformers to permit reference to Louisiana as "'way down south where

Every international conference is flattering in its assurance that Uncle Sam would be regarded as the life of

The belated Christmas tree invites the attention of the fireman instead of Santa Claus.

Kemal is likely to be remembered in history less as a general than as a

#### SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON. Poets.

Bill Shakespeare wrote some verse great

And Milton, too, was splendid. Their writings are allowed to wait On bookshelves unattended. While all the world turns out to read Some bard who blandly blithers, And some such name signs to the

screed As."Tracy Dinkin Smithers."

Though Scott and Byron still disclose A majesty of rhythm, In dusty silence they repose Who cares to bother with 'em? We cultivate the flaunting weed. The beauteous blossom withers, And all the poet that we read

#### Is Tracy Dinkin Smithers. Avoiding Obscurity. "People are talking about the man

ner in which you have changed your mind," remarked the constituent. "That's good," replied Senator Sor ghum. "Anybody can change his mind. The hard part of the trick is to make people notice that something has hap-

Jud Tunkins says the old saying. 'All the world loves a lover," isn't altogether true. It's mostly what girls think just after they're engaged.

Musings of a Motor Cop. Hortense Magee was flivvering fast. Rocks fell amid a deafening blast! "I thought it was my tire," said she I'm glad it's only TNT!"

Thrift in the Home. "The neighbors are talking about how stylish you're dressing," re-

"Tain't style." replied Farmer Corntossel, "every time my boy Josh buys a new suit o' clothes I have to wear his old ones."

"De man dat expects sumpin; foh nuffin," said Uncle Eben, "is one of de

## THE WAYS OF WASHINGTON

BY WILLIAM PICKETT HELM.

another city in the United States that turned in his report.

has so many motor cars in proportion

to its population. In round numbers the population of "chicken feed" itself, there is no occa-Washington at the present time is about 450,000. This includes a negro population of more than 100,000. During the past year licenses were issued to more than 82,000 automobiles. This means about two cars for every eleven persons in the Dis-

> Some of these 82,000 pairs of license tags represent duplications, due to in the Union which does not recipro- of official horses and carriages.

But nearly 1,000 of the cars thus But nearly 1,000 of the cars thus on one occasion advocated on the licensed were owned and operated by floor of the House an amendment to from the aristocrats of the White for horses. House down to the great trucks of

the War Department. Washington furnishes license tags free to official cars owned by the government. Up to July 1 last, the latest date for which figures are

more official cars. Every cabinet owned flivver. officer has a car, of course.

When the arms conference was held in Washington the government tirement of Justice Day from the Su- sought to provide taxicabs for the plied. visiting delegations. The job of making the arrangements was left to Col. kle in his eye, "I'm a government C. O. Sherrill, one of the co-ordinators official, and I'd like to ride up to the was never more fittingly pronounced of the bureau of the budget. Col. Sherrill tried the various private taxi companies.

> "We need a great many cars," he eported to Gen. Dawes, then the but said nothing. head of the bureau, "and the cost seems prohibitive."

the figures. "But, of course, we've green congressmen you hear about." "I have an idea," Sherrill suggest-"Why not commandeer all the

It was a good idea. For nearly three months official cars owned by must have one thing to get along the various departments, mostly by here." of it at a time when many questions placed at the disposal of the foreign delegates.

fficial washington, or, rather the

Washington is a city of automo- small fry of official Washington, biles. Almost every family has a walked or used the street cars. car. Indeed, it is doubtful if there is When the conference ended Sherrill

"We saved \$20,000 by that stroke," he told Gen. Dawes.

Contrary to back-yard gossip, official cars are used almost wholly on official business. There is virtually no misuse of these vehicles.

When the business day ends the official car goes into the official garage and the official chauffeur goes ome. There are exceptions, of course, where both car and chauffeur are worked overtime. But they are the transfer of cars during the year, comparatively rare. There is nothand some of them were obtained by ing like the misuse of official cars residents of Maryland, the only state that there was twenty-odd years ago Champ Clark, the writer recalls,

the government of the United States an appropriation bill under which These were the official cars, varying mules would have been substituted "Nobody would drive a government

mule for pleasure," he contended, "but everybody seems to be driving government horses."

Representative Upshaw of Georgia was down at the Shipping Board the other day. When he left he saw Nearly every bureau has one or parked at the entrance a government-

> "Is this a government car?" he asked the chauffeur. "Yes, sir; it is," the chauffeur re

> "Well." said Upshaw, with a twin Capitol." This was a new one on the chauffeur. He looked appraisingly at Up-

shaw, whom he'd never seen before "Yes," continued Upshaw, "I'm & government official, all right. Fact "Yes," agreed Dawes, looking over is, I'm a congressman-one of these

> "Yes, sir." said the chauffeur. "I don't know much about Washington," Upshaw continued, with of the chauffeur's predicament, "but I'm told that a green congressman

> He paused, and the chauffeur asked what that one thing was. "Gall," replied Upshaw. The chauffeur climbed down from

And during that three months his seat and opened the door.

Micial washington, or, rather the "Get in," he said; "you've got it."

# **EDITORIAL DIGEST**

'Kathleen na Houlihan enters the

Louisiana as "way down south where they raise the cotton and the Cain."

If anything further than the attitude of the British government Massertain how many paper marks it takes to make something that looks in the provisional government of the provisional government it takes to make something that looks is commanded. The provisions of the provisional government is age learned to extend illicit conditions which call for the builettenditions which call for the builettenditions which call for the British crown in Ireland.

John Barleycorn has created illicit conditions which call for the builettenditions which call for the builettenditions which call for the British crown in Ireland.

Storm and provisional government of the provisional government under that treaty had been necessary to attest the sincerity of the mother country, it has been furnished. American continuous tent of the provisional government of "that veteran Parnellite, land storm the provisions which call for the builettenditions which call for the builettendit under that treaty had been necessary to attest the sincerity of the mother country, it has been furnished. American editors feel, by the appointment of "that veteran Parnellite, land leaguer and general fire eater, the Hon. Timothy Michael Healy," to represent the British crown in Ireland. Under such an arrangement "nothing is impossible," as one writer expresses it, in the development of a government of the Irish, by the Irish.

pected." Editorially the paper voices the belief that "peace for Ireland, content for her people, progress for her interests and industries, all seem to be around the corner and within a short day's journey, unless a desperate minority can succeed in striking a demoralizing blow at a moment's warning."

That danger is, of course, not overlooked in the general feeling of optimism which colors American compresses it, in the development of a government of the Irish, by the Irish.

"Kathleen na Houlihan enters the house of which she is mistress at last."

point out, that such an appointment could be possible, particularly at the hands of a tory government. As a special writer in the Toronto Star ex-

Under such an arrangement "nothins is impossible." as one writter expresses it, in the development of a government of the Irish, by the Irish, for the Irish, by the Irish, "Great Britain has kept her word. declares the Philadelphia Public Ledger, and has emphasized anew, the Brooklyn Eagle thinks, her "desire to make it clear to the world that if the experiment with Ireland fails it will not be the fault of the British government." The romance that seems an inseparable part of Irish politics is not lacking in the appointment of her first governor general under a dominion government. "Neither Canada nor Australian governor," the New York Post points out, and in naming as the first governor of Ireland "an Irish commoner, and an able one." it would seem to the Hartford Times that "the old cry of 'God save Ireland' is answered." Not only is Healy the old cry of 'God save Ireland' is answered." Not only is Healy the crown in the dominions, a "democratic precedent in favor of Ireland," which the paper interprets as tending "to emphasize her virtual detachment in all matters vital to self-determination from the British sovereignty."

Certainly "if there is any Irishman deserving of the confidence and respect of the Irish people," it is Timothy Healy, as the New York World sees it. "He has had large experience in public affairs; he is a man of fine legal ability and deep learning, of the Irish ree State he will stand not as the representative of allen au-

## The History of Fort Foote.

Among the old forts which may be sold by the War Department is Fort Foote. This was one of the civil war river defenses of the capital, and its site is a high bluff in Prince Georges county, Md., six or seven miles below the old ferry wharf at Washington and diagonally across the Potomac from Jones point, the southern tip of Alexandria. The river channel passes close to the Maryland shore, and ships navigating the Potomac would have to pass close to the guns of Fort Foote. The south face of the fort

sonned post, but was finally left in charge of a single caretaker, an old sergeant. Later, and for some years the fort was in charge of a soldier's wildow, and she was several times wildow, and she was several times wildow, and she was several times to beginning of the great war Fort Foote was a ruin of tumbled earth mounds, half-filled ditches grown with trees and vines, among which many of the guns, fallen from their war-time positions, lay. During our late war the place was used as a training and practice place by engineer troops and its appearance was much changed.

While most river people speak of the fort was in charge of a single caretaker, an old sergeant. Later, and for some years, the fort was in charge of a single caretaker. An old sergeant. Later, and for some years, the fort was in charge of a single caretaker.

to pass close to the guns of Fort Foote. The south face of the fort commanded the channel as far as Fort Washington. Fort Foote, according to one of the reports made during the cival war by Gen. Barnard in charke of the defenses of Washington, was built for the purpose of defending, in connection with Battery Rodgers, in the lower part of Alexandria, the water approach to Washington. The parapets which were exposed to naval attack were from twenty to twenty-five feet in thickness, 105 feet above the river and were armed with the heaviest iron guns of the period. The river face of the fort was 515 feet long. The rear of the fort was 515 feet long. The rear of the fort was 515 feet long. The rear of the fort was 516 feet above the river and were armed with the heaviest iron guns of the period. The river face of the fort was parallel to the water front and was bastloned and armed with field and slege guns for land defense. There were the usual high, thick traverses familiar in the earthworks of the time.

After the civil war Fort Foote was mail and part of the fort was parallel to the water front and was bastloned and armed with field and slege guns for land defense. There were the usual high, thick traverses familiar in the earthworks of the time.

After the civil war Fort Foote was mail and armed of other churches north of the stablishment of the sublishment of the contracts, "Gleanings" and "Sundantation belonging the civil war rand had been its name for a century before. It was part of the purpose of the Rosler family, and the Rosler house, a small and very of the could war rand had venture, shaded by large and the long of the probability, and the Rosler house, a small and very of the could war rand had venture, shaded by large and venturing the civil war rot he found of the Rosler family, and the Rosler house, a small and very of the Could war rot the found of the venturing the civil was parallel to the water of the Rosler family, and the Rosler house, a small and very of the Could war and the venture of the

#### The Library Table

By The Booklever

Sometimes my enthusiasm over reading leads me, in excess of zeal, to never books. Of course, I know they would be neither novelty nor as-Busy men, they say, have little time for much outside their favorite evening and morning papers. Books are, they claim, all right for women and children and literary folks, but mean little to men of affairs. I half know they say these things

to get me started on my hobby Sometimes I rise to the balt and tell them that, as devoted newspaper readers, they read many books, at least at second hand, which are constantly being featured in the news. Once a little group got a rise from me. I started by asking whether during the great war, when we were all aghast at the ruthlessness of Germany, they did not see frequent mention of Nietzsche, who furnished the philosophic basis of Germany's complex; or of Treitschke, the German historian, who prophesied world do-

ted reading Frank Vanderlip's "What Happened to Europe," from seeing references to it on a certain financial page. When I mentioned Robert beauty parlor. The barber shops will be Lansing's "Peace Negotiations" two outraged by the ousting of the Secretary by President Wilson that they had read this book. A Wilson admirer in the party spoke up and told me that he had read serially in the New York Times Joe Tumulty's "Woodrow Wilson as I Know Him,"

The common intelligence has the satisfaction of knowing that if the Einstein theory is correct it is in good working order, and if incorrect something equally efficient is holding suns and planets in their customary courses.

| The restoration of a discredited movie actor is cynically regarded by many movie fans merely as an effort to give a few slightly shopworn films a chance at the market.

| Old songs are to be revised by spelling reformers to permit reference to the satisfaction of knowing that if the satisfaction of knowing that if the satisfaction of knowing that if the Einstein theory is correct it is in good working order, and if incorrect something equally efficient is holding suns and planets in their customary courses.

| Hally Appointment. | Carry on, and the best of luck," in an unbroken chorus of welcome, is loyalty, the Newark News finds him to fonctilation and good will." As to his the pose of not reading books was loyalty, the Newark News finds him to detect these book scorners admitive the News relates, "he had led them to the intention of a century, the News relates, "he hole struggle from Gladstone's first the expiration of just one year, the whole struggle from Gladstone's first the expiration of just one year, the world is government passes out, which Irrisand, but as a loyal triangular, but the will serve as a bond of conciliation and good will." As to his the pose of not reading books was forgotten these book scorners admitive the News relates, "he the Irish nate and its an irrisanam, more than nationalist." Indeed, "he is the daddy of them all." For more than a third of a century, the News relates, "he hole struggle from Gladstone's first the expiration of just one year, the hole struggle from Gladstone's first the expiration of further all." For more than a third of a cen Downing Street" and its American country ruled by a question of Wilhelmina. Country ruled by a question of Wilhelmina as she tugs in her harness hitched as she tugs in her harness hitched with canine fellow draught animal. The argument, they claim, that because Maryland has partly paid for draught animal. The argument, they claim, that because Maryland has partly paid for draught animal. The argument, they claim, that because Maryland has partly paid for draught animal. The argument, they claim, that because Maryland has partly paid for draught animal. The argument, they claim, that because Maryland has partly paid for draught animal. The argument, they claim, that because Maryland has partly paid for draught animal. The argument, they claim, that because Maryland has partly paid for draught animal. The argument, they claim, that because Maryland has partly paid for draught animal. The argument, they claim, that because Maryland has partly paid for draught animal. The argument, they claim, that because Maryland has partly paid for draught animal. The argument, they claim, that because Maryland has partly paid for draught animal. The argument, they claim, that because Maryland has partly paid for draught animal. The argument animal as she tugs in her harness hitched with canine fellow draught animal. The argument animal as she tugs in her harness hitched with canine fellow draught animal. The argument animal as she tugs in her harness hitched with canine fellow draught animal. The argument animal as she tugs in her harness hitched with canine fellow draught animal. The argument animal as she tugs in her harness hitched with canine fellow draught animal as she tugs in her harness hitched with canine fellow draught animal as she tugs in her harness hitched with canine fellow draught animal as she tugs in her harness hitched animal as she tugs in her harness hitched with canine fellow draught animal as she tugs in her harness hitched animal as she tugs in her harness hitched animal as she tugs in her harness hitche Another confessed to an attempt, which proved unsuccessful, to read the ex-kaiser's "Memoirs." That recalled to still another the damaging admissions made in Count Moltke's "Memoirs," only just published in German and recently summarized in the newspapers. One man, who had

> That I am not alone in thinking of books as of vital interest in everyday affairs is shown by the fact that the publishers of the Literary Digest, the well known weekly newspaper, finding that books required ? much more space than they could give in their regular issues, have begun the publication of a new monthly journal called The Literary Digest International Book Review. The editor, in the opening number for December, states it to be his purpose to treat of books "from the standpoint of their intrinsic or news value For it is this that counts: It is what we call the news value of a book that we call the news value of a book that must determine whether it is 'to be read only in parts' or 'to be read wholly and with diligence and attention.' Putting it in other words, it is the news value of a book that gives the measure of its vitality, its relation to humanity." The first number starts off well, with articles by Sinclair Lewis, Gertrude Atherton. Christopher Morley and many other makers of books.

to a reader for a reason entirely secondary to the main purpose of the author in writing it. The author may have worked out an especially ingenious plot, but many of his readers may persist in liking his book rather because of a certain character, or some taking mannerisms of style, or, more often, an unusual geographical setting made real by vivid descriptions. In W. B. Maxwell's recent novel, "Spinster of This Parish." excellent as is the whole book, the part that most of us will remember best is the thvilling account of the dangerous journey across the Andes made by the adventurous Victorian spinster, Miss Emmeline Verinder of Kensington, with her lover, Anthony Doyle, the explorer. After seeing Miss Verinder narrowly escape death Miss Verinder narrowly escape death from hunger and exposure to the icy Andean winds, when deserted by their pack train, and again from the knives of bandits into whose hut they have been trapped, we share her depression over the renewal of her monotonous life in her Kensington flat. We even feel that the reading of her banns, after many years of waiting, is a tame affair compared with her one year of adventure.

## CAPITAL KEYNOTES

BY PAUL V. COLLINS.

The head of the National Woman's bate upon the desirability of Amerstart talking of books to unliterary Party. Miss Alice Paul, announces ica's undertaking further "emangle ments" in the affairs of Europe at that before another century rolls by the time. Men are not prone to talk tell me, half in banter, thinking to there will be a woman President of freely of their religious faith in la) tease, that they read only newspapers and an occasional magasine
when taking a railway journey, but
never books. Of course, I know they
would be neither novelty nor aspaint themselves too black; for, at sured improvement in woman's status least, there is the city directory and found in making a queen of America? least, there is the city directory and the telephone book, probably also the dictionary, and I hope the Bible. But, following up their persifiage, they almost claim that books are something apart from life and that the newspower in her own realm as he had winter in his. Cleopatra ruled Egypt jointly with her brother-husband, and when power, she went out and captivated drink" is a command, but from Julius Caesar and returned with her ally to overthrow Ptolomy, destroy Caesar's self-control and become the head of the Antony triangle. The world has had her Queen Esther, who

> Even the savages have their Amarise to startle America with the prophecy that before 2023 we shall be ruled by an Amazon or a queen? That is old stuff and nonsense. if we are? For better, for worse? The world has also had her Grace Darling and her Florence Nightingale, her Red Cross nurses, her Sal-

saved the Jews and hung their enemy.

powder her nose, will be corrected. The whole big dome shall become a beauty parlor. The barber shops will be to dock at Washington, the head of relegated to the basement, in place of relegated to the basement, in place of three women caught others said that they had been so that statue of three women caught in a snowdrift, which now stands inquiry. there, winter and summer, as if to indicate that it is a cold day when women get into the Capitol. There are differing ideals of life,

and respect that she is freely accorded in America; certainly never in a country ruled by a queen. Ask a Dutch woman, subject of Wilhelmina.

Senate is the charge made by Senator John Sharp Williams that "most of the senators are unbelievers." No partisan charge has wrought so much indignation and repudiation among the statesmen for a long time as that fling, given in the course of the de-

white. The great question is not whether America shall let them die, deliberately and without effort to aid, but how shall the aid be rendered? "If thine enemy thirst, give him drink" is a company thirst, drink is a command, but from the same source came the rebuke to misguided zeal or pretended zeal: "The poor ye have always with you." Paul wrote to Titus: "That the aged mep be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity and patience." Titus passes that letter on tience." Titus passes that letter to the Senate, as agenda for 1923.

There is going to be a New Jeru salem, yelypt Washington, if half of on rulers, so why must Miss Paul the proposed building improvements are carried out in the near future. Private residences and apartment houses are being constructed at double the pace of two years ago. and in addition to the \$30,000,000 permarent exposition building to be erected by the Arts and Industries minion for Germany; or of Bernhardi, the German military strategist, who preached world power or downfall. The ideas of these "supermen" were all set forth in books, and, if my non-book-reading friends did not read them at first hand, journalists did and served them up in diluted form for their instruction.

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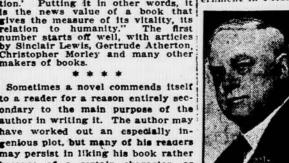
Since the war there have been the great questions of reconstruction and reparations. I asked my friends whether they had not seen several front-page references to J. M. Keyner "Economic Consequences of the Peace," and one of them confessed that he had got a copy from the library and read it. Another admitting and read it. Another admitting the common of the controller and the first that he had got a copy from the library and read it. Another admitting the common of the controller and the first that he had got a copy from the library and read it. Another admitting the common of the controller and the co Association, the government will inroom, where she might go out and make this a seaport The improving powder her nose, will be corrected.

Maryland opposes the establishment of reciprocity as to automobile tage between that state and the District and there are various ideals of the of Columbia, and a great lobby is al-"Woodrow Wilson as I Know Him."
but thought the title wrong and suggested that it ought to be called "Me foot shall say: "Because I am not the foot shall say: "Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body." and it is no truer that woman must get down no truer that woman must get down the foot is. in order that she may support the body politic, before the can attain the crown that makes her the equal of any other member. interstate traffic, and the Constitution clearly makes that a subject exclu-Ask a The argument, they claim, that be-

project ought to have congressional

drivers, not less than \$3,000, for the indemnification of damages and injuries. It is encouraging to see that Congress is arousing to its duty to regulate automobile traffic as it does

# Victory in College Ball Game Started Little Up the Ladder



some part, my thoughts focus on a base ball game which gave me my real start in life.

"As a boy out on the prairie when there were more buffalo than people in Kansas." Little describes reminiscently, "I was a moody youth. It did not seem to me that I had much show in life. I lived in a little town of my where there were many cowboys, as sociation with whom I enjoyed in a way. But I didn't seem to be schein of life. I didn't seem to be life. I didn't s

PEPRESENTATIVE EDWARD much speed into it that Henry couldn't get his bat around, but the ball hit the bat and bounded to first

EPRESENTATIVE EDWARD c. LITTLE of Kansas has dined with kings and princes (when he was diplomatic representative of the United States government in Persia). He has been in a dozen pitched battles and had men on both sides of him shot down. He has for six years been in the thick of federal legislation. And yet it was a base ball game of his youth that gave him "the thrill that comes but once in a lifetime."

"As'I sit quietly at night, about to retire, when my mind reverts to the past and the important events in which I have had to some part, my thoughts focus on a base ball game which gave me my real start in life.

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